

Columbia Union Visitor

"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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UNION

Industries for the College

The Executive Board of Mount Vernon College recently held a meeting and discussed quite fully plans for the College. It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that more decided efforts should be made to place the school upon a basis more in harmony with the plan given in the Testimonies for our institutions of learning.

If there is one thing that is made plain by the Spirit of Prophecy regarding our colleges, it is that industrial education should be made prominent. The members of the College Board have always felt that this instruction should be obeyed; but it has seemed that difficulties which they hardly knew how to control have barred the way. Yet it is plain that industrial training should be carried on; not only because it will help students of limited means, but because of its value from an educative standpoint. It is the experience of all who have given this matter a trial that students who combine work with study accomplish more in their class work and are much more practical when they take up the real affairs of life after leaving school, than are those who have not had this training.

After giving due consideration to these principles, the Board decided to make a start along these lines. Agriculture is spoken of in the Testimonies as of prime importance in our educational work; hence the Board decided to begin with this. The school has about ten acres of land not including the campus and the grove adjoining. It was thought that if this land was farmed on the intensive plan, it could be made to yield a fair income for the school, besides supplying considerable work for the students in the fall and spring, and for two or three boys during summer. Small fruits and vegetables will be cultivated; such as are needed for the school will be used in the dining room and the rest will be sold. The local board was authorized to purchase a

team of good horses, and to hire an experienced man to take charge of the farm work.

In addition to this, it was planned to start a broom factory as soon as the proper man could be found to take charge of it. It was thought that this industry would furnish work for from ten to fifteen boys, by which they would be enabled to pay a considerable portion of their expenses while in school; besides, they would be learning a trade which would be valuable to them after leaving school.

We hope also to do something in the line of wood-working that will give students a knowledge of, and make them proficient in, the handling of tools. This training, it is believed, will make much more useful missionaries in foreign fields, where it is often necessary for the missionary to provide his own conveniences.

We do not expect that all this can be brought to perfection at once, but steps have already been taken to enter upon its execution; and we believe that the blessing of God will rest upon the school management as it moves forward in the carrying out of these plans. S. M. BUTLER.

A Work for All

The time has arrived "when every hand should be employed"; for "the coming of Christ is near and hasteth greatly. The time in which to labor is short, and men and women are perishing The Lord cannot commend the people who, professing godliness, professing to believe in the soon coming of Christ, leave the cities unwarned of the judgments that are soon to fall on the land. Those who do this will be judged for their neglect."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX., p. 109.

"There is a world to be warned of the near approach of the end of all things, and what we do, we must begin to do immediately, or the blood of souls will be upon our garments."

Just now is the most opportune time to use the literature which has been given us, and which is one of the most effectual agencies in our

work of warning the world. And this is not the privilege of the canvasser alone; our church members everywhere should now take hold of this work, seeking earnestly to improve every opportunity to place in the homes of the people the truth which is contained in our books. The gift-making time is approaching, and many would be glad to obtain for their children or friends gifts that are really worth while. Use your influence to get them to buy our good books.

(If you do not have a catalogue of our publications, write at once to the Review and Herald and you will receive one without delay. You are welcome to the regular discount on home workers' and regular subscription books. All orders should be sent through your local tract society.)

Our periodicals and tracts should now be falling like the leaves of autumn. "God help us to put on the armor, and to act as if we were in earnest, as if the souls of men and women were worth saving. . . . There is a time coming when those who have wasted their time and opportunities will wish they had sought Him."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX., p. 107.

Profession is nothing unless we have the truth in our heart. The "angels are waiting our co-operation." God grant that we may not keep them waiting longer.

The writer will be glad to hear from any who wish further information in this line of home missionary work. I. G. BIGELOW,

Field Missionary Secretary.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe—the friendless;

I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up—and laugh—and love—and lift.

—Howard Arnold Walter.

AT THE COLLEGE

A Harvest Ingathering Experience

Two years ago last Thanksgiving I took a bundle of the Harvest Ingathering *Review* under my arm and went out to dispose of them and gather in what I could for the cause of missions; and also to be a spiritual help to those with whom I came in contact. I succeeded in gathering something for missions and gained some experiences that were very helpful to me.

One of these experiences I wish to briefly mention; it was that of meeting a lady who seemed to be interested in the paper and the cause it represented. I proposed that we have Bible readings on some of the themes mentioned in my canvass. To this she most willingly agreed, and I held readings with her and her son and little daughter for five or six weeks.

At the end of this time her husband, who is a traveling man, came home. I was not aware of his arrival until one evening when I went to the home to give the reading, and met him there. I wondered very much how he would take the fact of my giving Bible readings at his home in his absence; but my mind was soon relieved by his bringing the matter up first and speaking very kindly about it. His family had become very much interested in the prophecies of Daniel, and had given him a very pleasing description of the things they had learned. So I proceeded without delay to give the reading for that evening, in which he became very much interested. I continued the readings until my work forbade, but still kept in touch with the family, calling occasionally, and always finding a warm welcome.

Mr. ——— has shown all along a very friendly feeling, writing from different stopping places, and even calling at Mount Vernon to see me on his last trip to Ohio. And while neither he, nor any member of his family, has yet accepted fully the message given, yet I make the point that the distribution of the Harvest Ingathering issues of our papers gives us an excellent opportunity to find souls who are hungering for the truth for this time; and I believe that when the Great Harvesting Ingathering time shall come there will be gathered in precious souls to whom the message of deliverance was brought by just such work. May the Lord bless the Harvest Ingathering.

A STUDENT.

Mr. Harold Ferguson is visiting his home in Mansfield, O. He expects to stop at Mount Vernon on his return to Hinsdale, where he is taking the nurse's course.

Miss Cora Bennett, who has been nursing in Newark for the past two months, returned last week to the Hospital and is planning a visit to her home in Toronto, Ontario.

Misses Ruth and Vestha Panches have moved from the ladies' dormitory to their new home in Academia, their parents having purchased Mr. Spohn's farm residence and moved to this vicinity in order to obtain better school privileges for their children.

Miss Nela Cartmell, who has been teaching church school at Alliance, is very ill at her home in New Moorefield, O.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robishaw of the Hospital-Sanitarium have been called to Mr. Robishaw's home in Brighton, O., by the death of his father.

On a recent Sabbath Mr. Belgrave talked to the young people about his home field, British Guiana, where he expects to take up work next year, having spent five years in training at Mount Vernon College.

Mr. E. D. Bates of the Rowsburg, O., church, recently visited his daughter who is attending the College.

A meeting of the College Board will be held at Mount Vernon December 16.

Mr. Melendy's house, formerly the property of Elder J. O. Miller, has been purchased by Mr. G. W. Gentry, who is moving from Locust Branch, Ky., to Academia in order to place his children in church school.

Miss Emma F. Rice and Mr. Harold L. Butler were married in Mount Vernon Tuesday, November 7.

What a blessing it would be to our people and the work committed to them, could they only grasp and adopt the principles presented in the November-December issue of *Christian Education*, under the title of "Economy of Time in Education." —the elimination of nonessentials;

the laying of the foundation in *quality* rather than in *quantity*; faithfulness and thoroughness in small things; the full mastery of essentials. There is great need of economy in acquiring practical knowledge.

NEW JERSEY

The conference committee met recently at the office, 1909 South Clinton Ave., Trenton, and had a very pleasant and profitable meeting. The distribution of laborers was one of the matters considered. A partial report of the action of the committee is given herewith.

Elder J. W. Hofstra has recently baptized three Hollanders at Paterson, N. J. He has rented a hall and is in readiness to begin work for the Hollanders of that place.

An excellent interest has developed in our work at Hackensack, where much good, we believe, may be accomplished. We have requested Elder W. G. Kneeland to take up the work at this point.

The members at Cape May Court House are erecting a church building and have it nearly finished. Elder G. W. Spies has been requested to carry on an effort at that place to strengthen the company.

The president is giving much of his time to the field, where he is helping the brethren to strengthen the churches.

The two Bible workers in Trenton are having all that they can do. Meetings are held Sunday evenings, and some interested ones are attending these services.

Brother E. E. Pennington has been invited to take up work at Dover or Rockaway this winter; and we believe he will be able to accomplish a good work.

In response to an appeal to the Trenton church for a special effort to get the *Protestant Magazine* before the people at this important time, one sister, formerly a member of the Catholic church, took ten orders, most of them on one short street. Those who have come out of Romanism can appreciate the value of this magazine.

The brethren in Newark are of good courage, and the Lord is blessing them in erecting their new building, which they hope soon to have enclosed.

Brother Hanhart reports that the work is onward among the Germans. Some are being added to the truth.

Elder Sandborn, with Elder O. A. Olsen, met with the Perth Amboy church last Sabbath. Much of the blessing of the Lord was enjoyed. Brother Wilson has been holding meetings at Sayerville, and the committee has requested him to make a special effort there immediately.

Brother Walters is rushed with business in the office, but is getting hold of the work in a very acceptable manner. He hopes that the churches and individuals in the conference will do all in their power to help him make the work a success, financially as well as spiritually.

The harvest is now just ripe for the Ingathering. If you have not received your papers, send to the office at once—they are free. Any who want solicitors' cards may have them for the asking.

How I Succeeded as a Canvasser

Having accepted the truth about eight weeks ago, I was compelled to arrange matters so that I would not break the Sabbath, and I wondered how I could support a family of six. After reading Phil. 4:19, I laid the matter before Christ, and he opened the way for me to take up the canvassing work and spread his word in every house. I sold my first book to a Jewish family near us, and since then I have canvassed every house in succession, irrespective of creed, as I found God was indeed no respecter of persons; so that in the three weeks I have canvassed I have finished only one half of one street in Newark, and have sold outright over 350 books, ("His Glorious Appearing"), and have orders at hand for a great many more; making an average of 150 books in a week of thirty hours (six hours daily). I utilize Sunday to collect for books I leave out through the week, and if they are returned, as about two per cent of them are, I praise God that the people have had the opportunity of reading the truth. I can bear witness that God will repeat his blessings to all who wish to prove him in this line.

ARTHUR S. SAMUEL.

OHIO

Subscribers for the Visitor

I wish by this notice to appeal to all readers of the VISITOR, and to our conference workers and church officers, to make a special effort for those who are not subscribers to our union conference paper, that they may become such as soon as possible. Let the Ohio churches and workers make the VISITOR desirable by sending in timely and pointed notices about the work; and then let us enlarge the subscription list to what it should be. All of our people should have the paper. It will help to unify and strengthen the work in more than one way. Each quarter we are paying from conference funds a large deficit which might be wholly avoided if this good little paper could have the circulation that it deserves in the conference. Will you kindly do something to help bring up the subscription list?

E. K. SLADE.

Omega

We trust that a brief account of the tent meetings held this fall at Omega will be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR. We pitched our tent in the central part of the village; Omega has a population of about two hundred. From the first the attendance was good and the interest most excellent. A question box which was nailed to one of the center-poles was patronized quite freely, and the evenings given to the discussion of its contents were always enjoyed. In our music we were assisted by the young people who sang in the Methodist Episcopal church near by.

During the course of the meetings between forty and fifty sermons were preached. The Lord blessed in the presentation of the truth, both from the pulpit and in the homes. Seven are now observing the Sabbath as a result of the effort at Omega. However, the work is not yet completed; instruction and encouragement are needed by the new converts, that they may escape the snares of the enemy and become rooted and grounded in the saving truths of the message. We ask the prayers of our brethren for those who have lately accepted the truth at Omega, that they may stand firm and finally become heirs of the everlasting kingdom.

JAMES H. SMITH,
RALEIGH FRENCH.

Religious Liberty Notice

In order to maintain efficiency in the religious liberty department of the conference, the writer will need the co-operation of our people in the state of Ohio. Not only should they come to the rescue in times of great danger, but they should manifest at all times a deep interest in the subject of religious liberty, which means so much to all who know the inevitable results of religious legislation.

Our people can render valuable assistance in the religious liberty work by sending to the secretary of the department newspaper clippings, reports of meetings, and other items of interest which bear on the subject of religious liberty. The name and date of the paper from which the article is taken should always be attached to the clipping.

This service, which all can render without the sacrifice of much time or means, will greatly facilitate the work of the department, and will assist the secretary in keeping up to date on religious liberty topics. By doing this our people will inform themselves on present day issues, and in a very practical way help others to grapple with the forces of religious legislation intended to deprive of their personal liberty the men who have been "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," among which "are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED,
Secretary Religious Liberty Department,
1048 Fair Ave., Columbus, O.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

On Sabbath, October 28, the ordinances were celebrated at the North Philadelphia church. At the close of the service Brother Wiest baptized one sister who accepted the truth as a result of his tent effort. Others are expected to be baptized soon.

The company at Chester, Pa., has been favored by visits from Brother Charles Baum, who has been speaking to them every Thursday evening for some time. His visits and talks are greatly enjoyed.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Lancaster church in the morning of Sabbath, November 4, and with the Harrisburg church in the afternoon. He reports good meetings at both places.

We are receiving some splendid reports from the different workers and members of churches regarding the Harvest Ingathering campaign. From indications, we think we shall go beyond any previous campaign. Let us pray and work to this end.

In a letter to Elder Heckman from one of the students at Mount Vernon College, the following are some of the sentiments expressed: "The College here is just such a place as will build up our spiritual being. Everything is done for the interests of the students. The teachers try to do all in their power to please and help those under their instruction. I am so happy that I cannot express my appreciation in words. Although my studies are hard, I am anxious to succeed."

Remember that the Harvest Ingathering campaign is now in progress.

Sabbath, October 28, three adults were baptized by Elder T. H. Branch, pastor of the First African S. D. A. church of Philadelphia, and were received into the membership of that church.

Our canvassing agent, Brother J. W. Hirlinger, is visiting some of the churches in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Thus far he reports success.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

If any of our people have clean copies of *Liberty*, *Protestant*, *Signs* monthly or weekly, which they would like to put to use in missionary work, they may send the same to Mrs. Eva A. Jenks, 43 Cardott Street, Ridgway, Pa. Sister Jenks can use these papers to good advantage in her work at Ridgway.

Elder A. J. Haysmer, secretary of the missionary department of the colored work, is at present visiting his sister, Mrs. W. W. Williams, at Corydon, Pa.

We are glad to see new canvassers taking up the work in the state. Among the first to begin is Brother J. R. Medlin, who is canvassing in Washington County.

We are glad to say a word in regard to the work Brother Archie Brownlee is doing with our foreign publications.

In a recent letter he tells us that he is having good success selling our foreign books, and that he finds the foreign people as much interested as the Americans. Let others take up this work.

J. S. BARROWS.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE TITHE RECEIPTS THIRD QUARTER

*Adah.....	12 00
Albion.....	26 69
Allegheny.....	73 00
Allegheny German.....	7 65
Altoona.....	47 10
Austin.....	....
*Butler.....	....
Bradford.....	4 21
*Carter Camp.....	16 17
Clearfield.....	37 70
Coudersport.....	67 05
Corry.....	122 12
Corydon.....	65 11
Conneautville.....	2 00
Duke Center.....	9 00
Edinboro.....	....
Eldred.....	8 22
Erie.....	90 95
Greensburg.....	....
Huntingdon.....	23 95
Indiana.....	36 83
Jimtown.....	48 79
Johnstown.....	128 98
Lock Haven.....	14 00
Meadville.....	37 66
Midway.....	54 25
North Warren.....	94 11
Oil City.....	13 66
Pittsburg Number One.....	120 35
Pittsburg Number Two.....	19 97
Punxsutawney.....	....
Port Allegheny.....	42 27
*Raymond.....	....
Shingle House.....	....
Six Mile Run.....	12 43
Titusville.....	....
Union City.....	8 70
Washington.....	22 96
Individuals.....	17 87
Total.....	\$1,285 75
*Companies.....	....

Offerings

Sabbath-school Donations.....	\$232 30
\$300,000 Fund.....	170 00
Midsummer Offering.....	1 26
First Day Offerings.....	15 84
Missions.....	15 79
Portland Church.....	1 00
Mt. Vernon College Tank Fund....	30
Annual Offering.....	8 41
Harvest Ingathering.....	2 15
Colored Work.....	46 89
Total.....	\$493 94
Grand Total.....	\$1,779 69

J. S. BARROWS, Treasurer.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Conference Session

The West Virginia Conference met in its twenty-fourth annual session at Parkersburg, West Virginia. The first meeting was called to order Friday morning, September 29; the president, Elder F. H. Robbins, occupying the chair. After the opening exercises Elder Robbins, in a few well chosen remarks, welcomed the delegates and others present to the twenty-fourth session of the conference, and declared the meeting duly opened for the transaction of such business as the delegates might be pleased to bring before it.

The roll of delegates was called, but fifteen persons responding as their names were read. On motion, all members of the General Conference and of the Columbia Union Conference in attendance, together with all members in good standing of the West Virginia Conference who might be present during the meeting, were made delegates and invited to participate in the deliberations of the conference.

A committee of nine, including the executive committee, was then appointed to name the several standing committees. The committee of nine, as appointed, was as follows: F. H. Robbins, J. F. Steele, M. C. Williams, S. F. Ross, C. V. Hamer, T. W. Thirlwell, J. W. Marshall, Wm. Ross, and B. B. Johnson.

At the next meeting of the session, held Sunday morning, the committee of nine submitted the following report, which was unanimously accepted:—

Committee on Plans and Resolutions: I. D. Richardson, B. G. Wilkinson, J. E. Meredith, F. E. Gibson, J. F. Steele.

Committee on Nominations: W. H. Snider, B. B. Johnson, John Keys, Wm. Ross, I. G. Bigelow.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials: J. F. Steele, S. F. Ross, B. G. Wilkinson.

The president then continued with a brief report of the work of the conference for the past year. He stated we had much for which to be thankful; spoke feelingly of the death of that faithful canvasser, Brother J. H. Jennings, who had fallen to his death over a high cliff as he was spreading the truth of the third angel's message among the mountains of Braxton County; also of the death of Elder Foggin, that pioneer in the work of the West Virginia Conference; and

of other of our members who had passed away and are now awaiting the summons of the Life-giver.

Of the work done in the past he spoke very encouragingly; stating that thirty-five or forty had accepted the truths which we are promulgating; twenty-one precious souls had been buried with their Lord in baptism; that every department was showing a gain, as would be seen from the several reports; and that the book and periodical work had done exceptionally well. He thanked the executive committee for its valuable co-operation that had helped to make this all possible.

The Treasurer's Report

Another year, with its blessings, has passed; and, in the providence of God, we are permitted to assemble again in annual camp-meeting. I am pleased to present for your consideration at this time a brief statement of the financial condition of the conference for the year 1910, as shown by the auditor in his annual examination; and also a statement of the condition of the finances at the present time.

Financial Statement of the West Virginia Conference, December 31, 1910

RESOURCES	
Property inventory	\$627 17
Accounts receivable	45 82
Cash on hand	426 45
	<u>\$1099 44</u>
LIABILITIES	
Bills payable	\$480 20
Accounts payable	150 92
Parkersburg church fund	27 51
Tent fund	10 40
Orphan fund	5 27
Young people's society	92
	<u>675 22</u>
Present worth December 31, 1910	\$424 22
LOSS AND GAIN	
Losses	
Labor	\$3,320 55
General expense	624 20
Traveling	518 38
Camp-meeting expense	271 24
Tithe to the Columbia Union	
Conference	247 44
Office expense	82 57
Mount Vernon College (President's salary)	33 66
Storage expense	22 00
Postage expense	18 82
Tent meeting expense	4 71
Labor account (1909)	49 33
Total losses	<u>\$5,192 90</u>
Gains	
Tithes received	\$2,473 91
General Conference appropriation	1,311 43
Columbia Union Conference appropriation	1,200 00

Iowa appropriation	53 14
Collection	12 25
Interest	10 70
Total gains	<u>\$5,061 43</u>
Total losses	5,192 90
Net loss	<u>\$131 47</u>
Present worth January 1, 1910	\$555 69
Net loss for year ending Dec. 31, 1910	131 47
Net worth January 1, 1911	<u>\$424 22</u>

Financial Statement of West Virginia Tract Society, December 31, 1910

RESOURCES	
Inventories:	
50% Books	\$174 66
40% "	2 50
Trade "	44 86
Bibles	14 38
Tracts	14 97
Property	105 00
Health Foods	8 15
	<u>\$364 52</u>
Canvassers' accounts receivable	\$1,391 37
"Ministry of Healing" accounts receivable	319 89
Society accounts receivable	35 04
Sundry " "	31 52
Merchandise inventory	3 75
Cash on hand	358 52
Total resources	<u>\$2,504 61</u>
LIABILITIES	
Ministry of Healing fund	\$370 09
Publishing house accounts	239 19
Canvassers' accounts payable	173 45
Total liabilities	<u>\$782 73</u>
Present worth December 31, 1910	<u>\$1,721 88</u>

LOSS AND GAIN	
Losses	
Office expense	\$79 66
Postage	30 41
W. R. Foggin (Settlement)	25 00
Merchandise	21 66
Traveling expense	16 04
Freight and dray	13 01
Forty per cent books	8 27
Health foods	2 51
Christ's Object Lessons account	20
Total losses	<u>\$196 76</u>
Gains	
Fifty per cent books	\$698 34
Property inventory	55 10
Bibles	46 22
Trade books	24 29
Periodicals	18 70
Tracts	4 67
Auditor's account	35 29
Old credit to loss and gain	42

LOSS AND GAIN	
Total losses	<u>\$196 76</u>
Gains	
Fifty per cent books	\$698 34
Property inventory	55 10
Bibles	46 22
Trade books	24 29
Periodicals	18 70
Tracts	4 67
Auditor's account	35 29
Old credit to loss and gain	42
Total gains	<u>\$883 03</u>
Total losses	<u>196 76</u>
Net gain	<u>\$686 27</u>

Present worth January 1, 1910	\$1,035 61
Net gain for year ending December 31, 1910	686 27

Net worth December 31, 1910 \$1,721 88

The auditor's statement makes a very good showing for the year 1910; but we think the showing for the eight months of 1911 is still better. We are indeed thankful to our heavenly Father, that his blessing has attended our efforts throughout the year, from January 1, 1911 to the first day of September, which period of time this report covers.

The tithe for this period has averaged the sum of \$253 a month. While this is not a large sum of money with which to do the work of God, and while we heartily wish it had been more; yet, when we compare it with the receipts of previous years, we find that we have exceeded, by nearly \$50 each month, the receipts of any year since 1905 and still further back; for comparison we will begin with the year 1906, and give the average monthly tithe for the past six years;—

	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911
	\$179 00	195 00	208 00	202 00	206 00	253 00

You will note that the year 1911 exceeded the year 1906 by the nice little sum of \$74 a month, and the next highest year, 1908, by \$45. These figures, it is true, are small, yet they show us conclusively that the Lord is with us.

The following statement by churches shows where the tithe for the past years has been coming from:—

	1910	1911	Excess 1911
Amos	\$ 5 00	\$ 59 75	\$ 54 75
Berea	53 70	67 19	13 49
Charleston	309 72	362 91	53 19
Chester	102 58	113 23	10 65
Clarksburg	26 66	188 64	161 98
Culloden	57 39	45 31	
Kanawha	78 71	156 90	78 19
Little Birch	2 00	6 35	4 35
Mason City	3 00	3 77	77
Morgantown	305 54	288 22	
Moundsville	98 48	196 75	98 27
Parkersburg	319 47	289 96	
Walker	24 95	22 00	
Individual	177 44	230 20	52 76
Totals	\$1,564 64	\$2,031 18	\$528 40

The average monthly tithe since January first has been \$254. Basing on a membership of 184, we have paid a per capita tithe of \$11.03.

In the year 1910, to September 1, the tithe was \$1,564, while the receipts for the same period of 1911 were \$2,031; showing the excess for 1911 to be \$467. Should the tithe, for the remainder of this year, continue to

increase at the same ratio we shall have for 1911 the splendid aggregate of \$3,050.

In addition to the tithe, we have received during the same period of time the following trust funds, which were immediately forwarded to the treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, and by him forwarded to the various fields for which they were donated:—

Sabbath-school donations	\$192 00
Foreign Mission Board	333 15
College relief fund	16 27
Memorial church fund	1 60
Total	\$542 02

We might here speak of a most important fund, which is included in the above statement, and that is our ten-cent-a-week fund. This fund is made up of the Sabbath-school donations and the annual, mid-summer, weekly, mission board and Harvest Ingathering offerings. This fund will require for the present year \$825.00. There has been received to September 1, the sum of \$392.00, less than half the amount required, and eight months of the year passed. We are short, up to the first of September, the sum of \$160.00; and it does appeal to me that this money should be made up now, right here at this meeting, so that we can start anew the first of October with the determination of keeping this fund fully paid up.

The West Virginia Tract Society for the first eight months of 1911:—

On hand Jan. 1, 1911	358 52
Received Jan.	403.66 paid out 32 97
“ Feb.	201 49 “ 635 42
“ Mar.	325 33 “ 94 86
“ Apr.	358 79 “ 547 10
“ May	383 38 “ 425 63
“ June	697 50 “ 621 01
“ July	272 44 “ 410 46
“ Aug.	1,977 55 “ 1,637 55

Total	\$4,978 66	\$4,464 98
Balance cash on hand Sept. 1	\$513 68	
Books sold by the canvassers since January 1	\$10,534 22	
Books sold 1910 for same time	6,682 08	

Gain of 1911 over 1910	\$3,852 14
The periodical sales for 1911 are	\$481 48
“ “ “ “ 1910 were	164 62

Gain for 1911	\$286 86
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“Ministry of Healing”

Books received 417	\$625 50
“ sold 202	\$303 00
“ unpaid for 196	294 00
“ in office 19	28 50
	\$625 50

In conclusion, brethren, we have great reason to rejoice that we have been blessed so abundantly during the year that is past. To the lay

members, who have so freely and liberally donated of the means which the Lord has entrusted; to our president and his executive committee who, have so kindly aided in every way and so freely seconded every effort, I wish to express my sincerest thanks for the hearty co-operation with which they have entered into the plans which have resulted so favorably; and to Almighty God, the ruler of all things, that all these things have been made possible.

Plans and Resolutions

The following report of the Committee on Plans and Resolutions was accepted and adopted:—

Whereas, God has so wonderfully blessed our work and laborers in the West Virginia Conference during the past year, in that our laborers have been preserved in health, with the exception of two; and in that success has attended the different lines of our work;—

1. *Resolved*, That we, as a conference, express our sincere thanks to God, and renew our consecration to him for more active service.

2. *Resolved*, That, as a conference, we express our feeling of deep sorrow at the loss of our esteemed brethren and earnest fellow-workers, Elder W. R. Foggin and J. H. Jennings, who have been called from us by death: that we hereby express our bereavement by placing this resolution upon the minutes.

Recognizing the call of God to our young people to organize for prayer and service, that the gospel of the kingdom may go to all the world in this generation,—

3. *We recommend*, (a) That the youth in every church who really love Jesus be encouraged to organize themselves into Missionary Volunteer societies, making the prayer and personal workers' bands the basis of their effort.

(b) That every conference laborer become intelligent in regard to the Missionary Volunteer movement, and give it his hearty co-operation.

Whereas, the Columbia Union Conference Committee has passed a resolution which has already been adopted by several conferences in the Union, asking each church to contribute quarterly the equivalent of twenty-five cents a member, or a dollar a year, for the aid of the educational interests throughout the Union; therefore,—

4. *Resolved*, That we heartily concur in this effort, and that we pledge ourselves to endeavor to raise each year the equivalent of \$1.00 a member.

Whereas, Our past experience has taught us that our tract and missionary work is the most successful way of reaching the masses with our truth-filled literature, thus laying the foundation for other lines of work; therefore,—

5. *We recommend*, that we urge our people to more earnest effort in this line of work; that at the earliest moment possible, the office of field missionary secretary of the conference be filled by a competent man, and that he be encouraged to visit our churches and companies, and, as far as possible, all the isolated members, organizing missionary societies and training the members in doing missionary work; and that all our conference laborers take a special interest in this work as they visit among their churches.

6. *We recommend*, That, as far as possible, the field missionary secretary, educational secretary and young people's Missionary Volunteer secretary visit every church, organized company, and isolated member in the conference each year.

Whereas, It was decided, at the recent General Conference council, that the \$300,000 fund should be closed by December 31, 1911, making it necessary that all the different quotas be in by that time; therefore,—

7. *Resolved*, That we, as a conference, concur in this resolution, and endeavor to raise our apportionment of the fund by that time.

8. *We recommend*, that this conference concur in the resolution of the recent General Conference council, that beginning with January 1, 1912, we endeavor to raise for foreign missions fifteen cents a member each week.

Whereas, This conference concurred in the recommendation of the General Conference to ask each member to sell two copies of “Ministry of Healing” and five copies of *Life and Health* each year for three years; and—

Whereas, we are in arrears of having sent in to the Union the cash to represent the “Ministry of Healing” already ordered, and we lack one half of having disposed of our full quota for 1910 and 1911;—

9. *Resolved*, That immediate action be taken to finish this work during the coming year if possible, and at least to come up to the demand for 1911.

Whereas, There is published at College View, Nebraska, under the direction of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a paper for the blind known as the

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending, November 3, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	56	12	32 00	3 00	35 00	31 00	
S. N. Brown, Bristol		CK	86	124	186 00	11 75	197 75	29 75	
F. W. Hall, South Boston		CK	14	3	4 50	1 25	5 75	1 00	
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	15	15	22 50	3 00	25 50	1 50	
Totals			171	154	\$245 00	\$19 00	\$264 00	\$53 25	

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 3, 1911

*B. Manuel, Perryman, Md.	GC	8	49	18	53 00	15 75	68 75	75	
D. Percy, Harford Co., Md.	GC	4	35		33 00	15 00	48 00	1 50	
J. Jones, Ruthsburg, Md.	GC	5	31	4	14 00	16 60	30 60	1 80	
W. Durst, Cumberland, Md.	PPF	5	46	17	25 50	13 00	38 50	50	
Harold Britton, Clayton, Del.	GC	1	8					36 00	
Totals		23	169	39	\$125 50	\$60 35	\$185 85	\$40 55	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 3, 1911

A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	47		18 00	8 15	26 15	62 60	
J. Medlin, Cannonsburg	DA	5	31	4	13 50	29 45	42 95		
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	3	22	19	30 50	1 20	31 70	27 50	
Eva Jenks, Ridgway	CK	2	7	1	1 50	50	2 00	21 25	
A. Brownlee, Washington	CK	5	44	20	30 50	12 70	43 20		
Totals		20	151	43	\$94 25	\$52 00	\$146 00	\$111 35	

Ohio, Week Ending November 3, 1911

L. H. Waters, Seneca Co.	BF	5	41	31	36 50		36 50		
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	4	34	5	16 00	12 50	28 50	85	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	3	9	17	19 50	6 10	25 60		
Mary Jones, Lawrence	CK	4	6	3	4 50	7 25	11 75	10 50	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	4	33	1	3 00	3 50	6 50	121 10	
H. Forsythe, Seneca Co.	BF	4	31					100 00	
Totals		24	164	56	\$79 50	\$29 35	\$108 85	232 45	

New Jersey, Week Ending November 3, 1911

J. Rambo, Pittsgrove Co.	CK	5	36	19	31 50	3 00	34 50	36 75	
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	33	136	34 00			30 00	
W. Plant, Salem Co.	CK	4						174 75	
N. R. Pond, Palmyra	CK	4	29	2	3 50	5 65	9 15	4 20	
Mrs. Stowe, Rockaway Co.	BS	4	15	34	28 00		28 00		
W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	5		6	17 00	10 50	27 50	16 50	
Totals		28	113	197	114 00	19 15	99 15	262 20	

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$803.85

Deliveries, \$699.80

Christian Record, containing the message of present truth; and—

Whereas, this commendable work for those who are deprived of their sight is much in need of financial assistance; therefore,—

10. *Resolved*, That the West Virginia Conference raise each year an amount equal to ten cents a member for this enterprise.

Whereas, The scholarship plan has enabled many of our young people to gain an education for the Lord's work

who would otherwise be deprived of the same, and as this plan has been highly recommended by the Spirit of Prophecy; we therefore,—

11. *Recommend*, That our young people be encouraged to enter the canvassing work with the object of earning a scholarship in one of our schools.

Whereas, the circulation of the printed page has proved to be one of the most effective means of introducing the truth, and as the Spirit of Prophecy has said that "God calls for Chris-

tian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master"; be it therefore,—

12. *Resolved*, That our brethren throughout this conference, who can arrange to do so, be encouraged to move their families into some unworked portion of the field and there labor as permanent resident canvassers.

13. *We recommend*, that more earnest effort be put forth to place the denominational voice, the *Review and Herald*, and the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR in every Seventh-day Adventist home in this conference.

14. *We recommend*, that Sabbath-school conventions be held throughout our conference this year, and that the teachers join the Reading Course in order to become more efficient teachers.

The Committee on Nominations presented the names of the following persons to fill the offices of the conference for the ensuing year; and the same were duly elected:—

President, F. H. Robbins.

Vice-President, J. F. Steele.

Secretary and Treasurer, C. V. Hamer.

Missionary Secretary, F. E. Gibson.

Religious Liberty Secretary, J. F. Steele.

Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. C. V. Hamer.

Educational and Young People's Secretary, F. E. Gibson.

Executive Committee: F. H. Robbins, J. F. Steele, F. E. Gibson, S. F. Ross, C. V. Hamer.

The office of Field Secretary was left to be supplied by the Executive Committee.

The following named persons were recommended by the Committee on Licenses and Credentials:—

For Ministerial Credentials: F. H. Robbins, John F. Steele.

For Ministerial License: I. D. Richardson.

For Missionary License: Thomas W. Thirlwell, C. V. Leach, Bertha Fisher, Mrs. C. V. Hamer, C. V. Hamer.

The Licenses and Credentials Committee recommended for ordination Brother F. E. Gibson; and further recommended that ministerial license follow the ordination.

At no time during the meeting was the attendance very large. This may be accounted for by the lateness of the season at which it was held. Notwithstanding the fact that it was the last camp meeting to be held in the Columbia Union Conference this year,

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we feel that the Lord was with us; harmony and good feeling prevailed throughout.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, was present during almost the entire meeting, giving much aid and advice in the smooth running of the business meetings. His good spiritual talks from the pulpit were inspiring and tended to strengthen, spiritually, all who were so fortunate as to hear them.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, of the Union Conference, was present during the entire meeting, and was a valuable aid to the good feeling which existed.

Professor Salisbury and Elder K. C. Russell, of the General Conference, were both present, each during a portion of the meetings. Their talks were convincing and served full well to bring to the knowledge of their hearers the fact that there is a God in heaven, and that service to him is indeed the only source of salvation.

The dedication of the neat little church building at Parkersburg was a very impressive ceremony, which was followed by a handsome donation to relieve the small balance which still stands against the church.

Last but not least was the act of setting apart to the gospel ministry Brother Floyd E. Gibson. Elder Robbins feelingly and touchingly offered in prayer to the service of God our dear brother who had given his life to His service.

Viewed in retrospect the West Virginia conference and camp-meeting for 1911 was a good place to be; if those in attendance were not made a little better for having been there, the fault was surely their own.

C. V. HAMER, Secretary.

Life and Health

A lady in Ohio adds to her standing order for ten copies of *Life and Health*: "I am a farmer's wife, and have not much time to devote to the work. I know that I could sell more copies each month if the houses were closer together; but I am four and one half miles from town, and can go out just for an hour in the afternoon."

"I have been selling *Life and Health* for over a year," writes an agent who orders 50 copies a month. "I go over the same territory every month. By so doing I have regular customers who appreciate the magazine."

"I have a standing order for 100 copies of *Life and Health* each month," writes one of our older agents. "Have a regular route, and have been meeting some people each month for over two years. I have had some rich experiences. I am almost seventy years of age."

The November-December issue of *Christian Education* gives some good suggestions on the preservation of the health of children in the schools. It is estimated that there are *twelve millions* of children in the schools of this country having serious physical defects. It is the duty of the parents to acquaint themselves with these things, and to co-operate in bettering the conditions responsible for these defects. Many of these conditions exist unconsciously in home surroundings. Not all the physical defects are the result of imperfections in the school-room.

The Power of Prayer

There is an eye that never sleeps

Beneath the wings of night;

There is an ear that never shuts

When sink the beams of light,

There is an arm that never tires

When human strength gives way;

There is a love that never fails

When earthly loves decay;

But there's a power, which man can
weild

When mortal aid is vain,

That eye, that arm, that love to reach,

That listening ear to gain.

That power is prayer, which soars
on high,

Through Jesus, to the throne,

And moves the head that moves the
world,

To bring salvation down.

—James C. Wallace.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 1911

Bethel.....	2 00
Buena Vista.....	....
Danville.....	....
Hamburg.....	....
Lynchburg.....	....
Mt. Williams.....	28 25
New Market.....	33 21
Newport News No. 1.....	....
Newport News No. 2.....	....
News Ferry.....	3 22
Norfolk.....	4 14
Portsmouth.....	....
Richmond.....	113 06
Richmond No. 2.....	39 33
Roanoke.....	....
Spencer.....	....
Stanley.....	....
Individuals.....	4 00

TOTAL... \$ 227 20

A. M. NEFF, Treas.

God is Calling

God is calling you, O Christians,

Will you heed the call to-day?

See the fields are white and ready;

Why do you so long delay?

Be ye ready for the Master

When he calls you to the field;

Do not keep the harvest waiting,

Gather in the golden yield.

God is calling you to duty

Heed, O heed that loving call,

He is waiting on the threshold;

Hasten to the harvest, all.

BARBARA WILLIAMSON.

Rutland, O.

OBITUARIES

PADEN.—Dorothy Paden, infant daughter of William and Daisy Paden, was born in Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 6, 1910; and died Oct. 21, 1911, aged 1 year, 8 months, and 14 days. The funeral service was held October 22 at the home of her parents, and was attended by many relatives and friends. Words of comfort from Psalm 116:15 were spoken by the writer, and the little one was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery to await the coming of the Life-giver. W. L. ADKINS.

ZEBER.—Oliver Russell Zeber, infant son of Brother and Sister Zeber of Pittsburg, Pa., died of intestinal trouble and valvular heart disease August 1, 1911, being 1 year, 2 months, and 19 days old. The death of the little one was sudden, and came as a terrible shock to his parents, whose lives he had filled with joy and sunshine during his short stay with them. But while their heart-sorrow is intense, they are not as those without hope; for they have laid their darling to rest with the assurance that they may receive back into their arms on the morning of the resurrection the little one whom death now claims its own. Hasten on glad day! delay not thy dawning, which will banish forever the night of sin and death, and usher in the day of eternal splendor, happiness, and joy. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

N. S. ASHTON.